

# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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## **"The Mission of Topsail United Church is:**

- To offer to all the opportunity to come to know God as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- To grow in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- To care for each other and all of God's creation; and
- To encourage and empower each other to use our talents within the Church."

### **Ministers:**

### **The Congregation**

### **Youth Program Coordinator**

### **& Band Director**

**Brett Vey**

### **Youth Band & Choir:**

**Courage & Inspiration**

### **Office Manager:**

**Jacqui Kennedy**

### **Sound:**

**Stephen Stone**

### **Caretaker:**

**Roger Richards**

### **Clergy:**

**Rev. Bruce Kearley**

### **Greeters:**

**The Pelley Family**

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**January 21st, 2018**

**Human Rights**

## **Welcome:**

As we reflect upon the importance of human rights and social justice, we "sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted..." (Except, A Song of Faith, The United Church of Canada)

## **We Gather as God's People**

### **The Musical Prelude:**

- Blackbird - Erin Burt

### **Call To Worship lead by Sera Tulk: (Responsive)**

One: Mahatma Gandhi said:

**All: Be the change you want to see in the world.**

One: Isocrates said:

**All: The noblest form of worship is to make yourself as good and just as you can.**

One: It is written in the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.,

**All: Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.**

One: Now let us hear the cries of the silenced, bring justice to the oppressed, and work to heal the world.

**Congregation Sings:**

Hymn #567 - "Will You Come and Follow Me" (V.1, 2, 3, 4)

**Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:**

**Prayer of Approach lead by Jona Hodder: (In unison)**

Silence is the sound of our souls waiting, hope is the air that fills our breath and energizes our bodies. God, you are the rock and foundation on which we stand and build our shelters. We place our trust in you. Amen.

**Congregation Sings:**

"Over My Head"

*Over my head, I hear music in the air*

*Over my head, I hear music in the air*

*Over my head, I hear music in the air*

*God is with me everywhere*

**Talk Time:**

**We Listen To God's Word**

**Scripture Readings:**

- 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20, 26-27 ----- Erin Burt
- Mark 1: 16-20 ----- Rachael Moores

**Ministry of Music:**

"From A Distance" ----- Inspiration feat. Emma Bastow

**Reflection:**

**Congregation Sings:**

Hymn #600 - "When I needed a neighbor" v. 1,2,4,5

**Minute For Mission:**

**Offering:**

"Sad Violin" performed by Erin Burt

**Congregation Sings:**

*Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.  
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any.  
Lend it spend it and you'll have so many- they'll roll all over the floor!  
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.*

**Offertory Prayer:**

O Lord, our gifts we now bring to you. Our voices now sing. We ask your blessing in this holy place. Grant us the gift of your grace.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:**

**Hymn:**

"We Shall Overcome" (see back of bulletin)

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Musical Postlude:**

Selected instrumental work

**WE SHALL OVERCOME**

We shall overcome, We shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day*

We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand some day

*Refrain*

We are not alone, We are not alone  
We are not alone some day

*Refrain*